## The Environmental Importance of Fixing

## **Refrigerant Leaks**

**Fixing refrigerant leaks is very important.** If your air conditioner is not keeping you cool, chances are it is also damaging the environment. That is because refrigerants are powerful greenhouse gasses. Each pound of refrigerant used in today's cars and trucks has the same warming impact as 1,300 pounds of carbon dioxide.

If your car or truck was produced prior to 1994, the environmental importance of fixing refrigerant leaks is even greater. Cars produced before then used CFC-12 as a refrigerant. Not only is CFC-12 a powerful greenhouse gas, it damages the earth's protective ozone layer as well.





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